CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	Force	☑ Discourt.	U.S.
Judith Le		Squad #8	201700550	✓ Abuse	O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Precinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Saturday, 01/21/2017, Sunday, 01 12:10 AM	/22/2017	§ 87(2)(b)		42	7/22/2018	7/22/2018
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:	Date/Time	e Received at CCF	RB
Mon, 01/23/2017 1:23 PM		CCRB	Phone	Mon, 01/2	23/2017 1:23 PM	
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addr	ess			
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Witness(es)		Home Addr	ess			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command			
1. POM Nicholas Rios	06583	955377	PSA 7			
2. POM Andrew Yakubovsky	17793	949813	042 PCT			
3. POM Marco Padilla	25056	946525	042 PCT			
4. POM Kenneth Marello	12549	960870	042 PCT			
5. An officer						
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name			
1. LT Philip Terpos	00000	931314	042 PCT			
2. POM Phillip Pena	11192	956156	PSA 7			
3. POM Giovanni Laguna	26882	952959	PSA 7			
4. SGT Miguel Frias	1309	930184	PSA 7			
5. POF Chris Aybar	15039	955736	042 PCT			
6. POM Xavier Larino	13312	950725	042 PCT			
7. POM Christophe Britton	00229	952496	042 PCT			
8. SGT Fidel Rosario	02850	943759	042 PCT			
9. LT Eric Dym	00000	933762	PSA 7			
Officer(s)	Allegation	on		Inve	estigator Recon	nmendation
A.POM Marco Padilla	Abuse: P	Police Officer Marco Pa	dilla stopped § 87(2)(b)			
B.POM Kenneth Marello		Police Officer Kenneth I				
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Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
C.POM Marco Padilla	Abuse: Police Officer Marco Padilla frisked §87(2)(b)	
D.POM Kenneth Marello	Abuse: Police Officer Kenneth Marello frisked (5)	
E.POM Nicholas Rios	Abuse: Police Officer Nicholas Rios stopped § 87(2)(b)	
F.POM Nicholas Rios	Force: Police Officer Nicholas Rios used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
G.POM Nicholas Rios	Abuse: Police Officer Nicholas Rios stopped [887(2)]	
H.POM Nicholas Rios	Abuse: Police Officer Nicholas Rios stopped §87(2)(b)	
I.POM Nicholas Rios	Force: Police Officer Nicholas Rios used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
J.POM Nicholas Rios	Force: Police Officer Nicholas Rios used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
K.POM Nicholas Rios	Discourtesy: Police Officer Nicholas Rios spoke discourteously to §87(2)(b)	
L.POM Nicholas Rios	Abuse: Police Officer Nicholas Rios frisked § 87(2)(b)	
M. An officer	Discourtesy: An officer spoke discourteously to [887(2)]	
N. An officer	Abuse: An officer threatened to arrest §87(2)(b)	
O. An officer	Abuse: An officer searched §87(2)(b)	
P.POM Andrew Yakubovsky	Abuse: Police Officer Andrew Yakubovsky entered and searched § 87(2)(b) in the Bronx.	
Q.POM Nicholas Rios	Abuse: Police Officer Nicholas Rios refused to provide his name and shield number to §87(2)(b)	

Case Summary

On January 22, 2017 at 12:10 a.m., an employee of J&E Grocery, located at 500 East 165th Street
in the Bronx called 911 to report an incident involving a black male with a gray sweater and a
skinny Hispanic male in a yellow jacket with a firearm. Shortly thereafter, \$87(2)(6) was
walking home from J&E Grocery when he was stopped and frisked by PO Marco Padilla and PO
Kenneth Marello of the 42 nd Precinct (Allegations A, B, C and D). They did not find any
weapons on him and instructed him to go home. §87(2)(b) s friends, §87(2)(b)
and § 87(2)(b) were waiting for him across the street at the side entrance of
in the Bronx where they resided. As \$87(2)(b) was about to enter the
building, he saw a strange man in plainclothes, PO Nicolas Rios of PSA 7, running towards him
(Allegation E). §87(2)(b) ran into the building, but PO Rios allegedly tackled him to the
ground, causing a cut above his right eye (Allegation F). While \$87(2)(b) was on the
ground, PO Rios continued to chase \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) (Allegations G and H) into a
back stairwell. As \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were trying to go up the stairs, PO Rios
allegedly grabbed them and slammed them against the ground (Allegations I and J). §87(2)(6)
fell on his leg and he and \$87(2)(b) began shouting in pain. \$87(2)(b) tried to pick
himself up, but PO Rios threw him against the stairwell wall and allegedly hit him once on the
side of his head. PO Rios also purportedly said, "Shut the fuck up, you shouldn't have run"
(Allegation K). PO Rios frisked [887(2)(b)] (Allegation L). PO Rios then left and other officers
entered the stairwell. An officer allegedly told \$87(2)(b) "Shut the fuck up. Do you want to
go to jail?" (Allegation M). The officer then allegedly searched his two front pockets and sweater
pockets (Allegation N).
During this time, \$87(2)(b) had returned to his apartment on the second floor. Lt. Philip
Terpos and PO Andrew Yakubovsky of the 42 nd Precinct were conducting a vertical when they
heard yelling. They knocked on the door and \$87(2)(b) and his girlfriend, \$87(2)(b)
opened it. \$87(2)(b) informed the officers that he had sustained injuries from
a Member of Service. While \$87(2)(b) was speaking with Lt. Terpos and \$87(2)(b)
PO Yakubovsky allegedly entered the apartment and began searching under the couch with his
flashlight (Allegation O). §87(2)(6) instructed him to get out of the apartment, and
eventually everyone went downstairs. While standing outside, \$87(2)(b) asked PO Rios for
his name and badge number and he allegedly refused to provide it (Allegation P).
§ 87(2)(g)
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Video footage was obtained on January 22, 2017 from security cameras located at \$87(2)(b) in the Bronx (see Board Review #2-4). The videos are time-stamped, but run on a ten minute delay. There is no sound accompanying the video.

This case exceeded the 90-day threshold on April 23, 2017 due to the identification and scheduling of officers and a complex set of circumstances involving multiple civilians and multiple officers from separate commands.

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Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories able for mediation due to injuries sustained by

§ 87(2)(b)
A search of BADS revealed that \$87(2)(b) has no prior criminal convictions (see Board
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- PO Rios has been a Member of Service for three years. He currently has one additional CCRB case, 201703664, pending investigation. PO Rios has been a subject in three prior complaints, totaling thirteen allegations and five substantiations. In CCRB case 201507072 an allegation of abuse (frisk) was closed with a Board Disposition of Command Discipline B and NYPD disposition/penalty of formalized training. In CCRB case 201608992, which was also investigated by the undersigned, allegations of abuse (refusal to provide name/shield), two allegations of abuse (frisk) and abuse (other) were substantiated with a Board Disposition of Command Discipline A. The NYPD disposition is pending. §87(2)(9)
- PO Padilla has been a Member of Service for nine years and has not been a subject in any previous CCRB complaints (see Board Review #14).
- PO Marello has been a Member of Service for one year and has not been a subject in any previous CCRB complaints (see Board Review #15).

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- PO Yakubovsky has been a Member of Service for six years and has not been a subject in any previous CCRB complaints (see Board Review #16).
- § 87(2)(b)
- This is \$87(2)(b) s first CCRB complaint (see Board Review #18).
- This is § 87(2)(b) first CCRB complaint (see Board Review #19).
- § 87(2)(b)

Potential Issues

Explanation of Subject Officer Identification

reported that he was standing in the stairwell with sixteen officers with their badges out when a white male officer instructed him to, "Shut the fuck up," and searched his pockets. He described the white male officer as 5'1" or 5'2", in his mid-30s and wearing a black hat. [87(2)(0)] who was in the stairwell with [87(2)(0)] stated that his view was obstructed because his face was against the wall. He could only remember that the officers were male and in plainclothes. Video footage provided by [87(2)(0)] Security Camera 10 (see Board Review #4) shows nine officers, in addition to PO Rios and Sgt. Frias entering the stairwell. Of these, eight appeared to be white/Hispanic males in plainclothes, seven of whom were wearing black hats. None of the eight officers interviewed fit the description provided nor were they able to identify any other officers on scene. Other witness officers identified: PO Aybar, who is female, Lt. Dyn, Sgt. Rosario and PO Britton all range in height from 5'10" to 6'2". Based on the above, the discourtesy and search allegations are pleaded against "An officer."

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation A - Abuse: Police Officer Marco Padilla stopped \$87(2)(b)

Allegation B - Abuse: Police Officer Kenneth Marello stopped \$87(2)(b)

Allegation C - Abuse: Police Officer Marco Padilla frisked \$87(2)(b)

Allegation D - Abuse: Police Officer Kenneth Marello frisked \$87(2)(b)

It is undisputed that after \$87(2)(b) left J& E Grocery he was stopped and frisked by officers. In dispute was their authority to do so.

In the 911 radio message for Event #887(2)(5) (see Board Review #21) at the <00:02> mark, the 911 dispatcher states: 42-C. At the <00:05> mark, 42-C to 911 dispatcher: This is 42-C. At the <00:06> mark, 911 dispatcher: Check-in advised on a 52 with a firearm East 165 and 3rd Ave. It says one male Hispanic slim build wearing a yellow coat. He has a firearm. At the <00:41> mark, 911 dispatcher: 10-4. It's going to be a slim build male Hispanic wearing a yellow coat with a firearm and a male black wearing a gray sweater both between 18-20 years old. No injuries. Both inside of the deli at the location.

The 42nd Precinct Tour 1 Roll Call for January 22, 2017 (see Board Review #22) shows PO Padilla and PO Marello assigned to Patrol Sector C.

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(see Board Review#23), a Hispanic male, testified that on the morning of January 22, 2017, he was wearing a navy blue down coat, white sweater, black and white sneakers and jeans. The down jacket (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #25) stated that he and (see Board Review #25) went to J&E Grocery, but when they got there, the store was in the process of closing down. They walked in and out of the store and did not speak or argue with anyone while there. As they were walking home from the store, two uniformed cops, identified through investigation as PO Padilla and PO Marello asked to come over to their vehicle. (see Board Review #25) was with him and he said no. The officers then hopped out of their car and immediately frisked his pockets and jacket. They kept asking him if he had any weapons on him and he told them no. After they checked him, they told him not to stay in the area and leave. He walked home to (see Board Review #24) has a visible was visible went to J&E Grocery, but when the J&E Grocery, but when the J&E Grocery, but when they got there, the store was in the process of closing down. They walked in and out of the store, two uniformed cops, identified through investigation as PO Padilla and PO Marello asked (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #24) has a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #25) had a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #25) they want to J&E Grocery, but was a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #25) had a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #25) had a visible yellow trim. (see Board Review #25) had a visible yello
(see Board Review #26), a black male, stated that he was hanging out with and \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) He was wearing a gray sweater, jeans and red sneakers. \$87(2)(b) had smoked marijuana two or three hours earlier and gone up the block to the store before returning to \$87(2)(b). He did not mention any issues at the store or incidents involving the police.
(see Board Review #27) was hanging out with his cousins, \$37(2)(b) and \$37(2)(b) and \$37(2)(b) when at approximately 11:55 p.m. they decided to go to the corner store across the street. \$37(2)(b) was wearing a military green bomber jacket, gray shirt and blue jeans. He did not have anything in his pockets except for his phone, which was in his jeans. When they got to J&E Grocery, the store was in the process of closing and pulling down its gate so they turned around and began walking back. \$37(2)(b) was walking ahead and \$37(2)(b) and \$37(2)(b) were walking further behind. All of a sudden two uniformed officers who were in their car started yelling at them, "Hey, hey, what ya'll doing?" \$37(2)(b) ignored them and continued to walking. He could not remember if he spoke to the officers. \$37(2)(b) stopped and the officers jumped out of their car and searched \$37(2)(b) because he was not there. \$37(2)(b) asked the officers why they were doing that and the officers instructed him to shut up. After they didn't find anything they let him go.
(see Board Review #28), who called 911, stated that he saw two guys come in on his security camera and ask if they could buy something on credit. His employee, who was running the store at the time, told them that the store was closing and they couldn't buy anything. The guys got mad and as the employee was trying to get the gate down, they were kicking and pushing the door. They guys told \$37(2)(b) s employee that they were going to wait outside and shoot them. The cops then showed up and told the guys to stop.
PO Padilla (see Board Review #29) stated that he and PO Marello had just completed another job when one of them saw a guy standing by himself at the corner J&E Grocery on East 165 th Street. PO Padilla could not recall who spotted him. Both officers got out of their car and spoke to the male, identified through investigation as on the sidewalk. PO Padilla estimated they spoke to him for no more than five minutes. PO Padilla believed the male was not Page 5

wearing a yellow coat and was compliant. They did not see any guns on him. PO Padilla could not remember if they frisked him, but said that if he fit the description for the perpetrator he would have been frisked because he was in the same location as the gun run. PO Padilla told the male that he needed to move because they had received a call for a guy with a gun in that location and he needed to move for his safety.

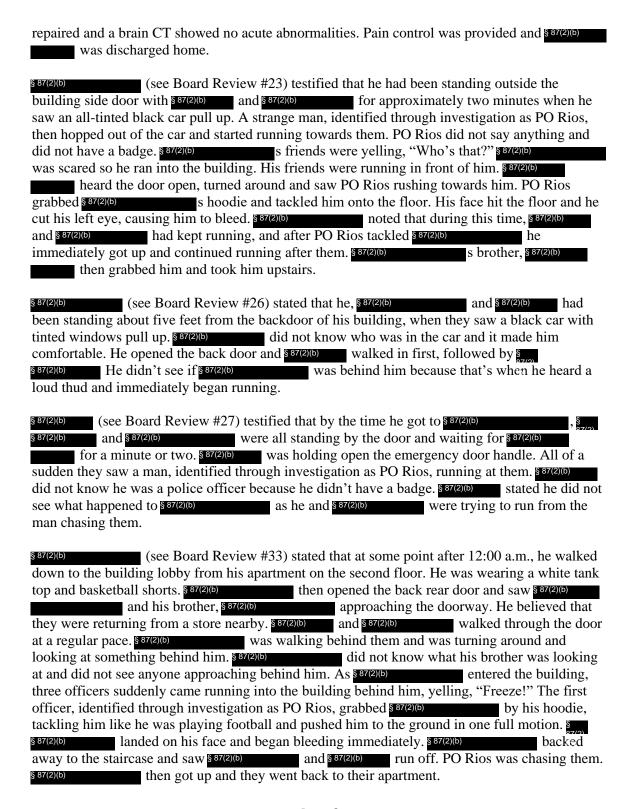
PO Marello (see Board Review #30) stated that sometime between 12:05 and 12:10 a.m., he and his partner, PO Padilla, were dispatched to assist a sick person on Boston Road. As they were en route, a truck stopped and an unknown man told them that down the road, at J&E Grocery, someone was kicking the deli door. PO Marello and PO Padilla then went to the deli. The owners were inside trying to close the metal security gate and they saw an individual, identified through investigation as stopped and asked stopped what he was doing. He stated that the deli owner had disrespected him. PO Padilla then frisked him and they did not find any weapons so they let him go. Shortly thereafter they received a call for a dispute with a firearm. PO Marello reviewed the EVENTS and verified that 42C who responded to the job was him and his partner. He noted that the location for the call was J&E grocery. PO Marello stated that he did not believe the stop at the deli and the gun run were related because PO Padilla had frisked stream and he did not have a weapon.

Under P.G. 212-11 (see Board Review #31) a Terry stop/level 3 encounter is any encounter between a civilian and a uniformed member of the service in which a reasonable person would not feel free to disregard the officer and walk away. A stop may be conducted only when a police officer has an individualized reasonable suspicion that the person stopped has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a felony or Penal Law misdemeanor. P.G. 212-11 states that reasonable suspicion exists when the information known to the MOS would make an ordinarily prudent cautious police officer under the circumstances believe that criminal activity is at hand. The officer must have a particularized and objective basis for suspecting the person stopped of the criminal conduct. A frisk is authorized when the member of service reasonably suspects the person is armed and dangerous. This includes situations in which the officer reasonably suspects that the person has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a violent crime or when the officer observes something on the person that she/he reasonably suspects is a weapon.

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	stated that he had been slammed by out before being seen by a physician. had been tackled to the ground,



PO Rios (see Board Review #34) was responding to a radio run for a dispute with a firearm at a
corner store located at 165 th Street and 3 rd Ave. involving two males, one wearing a yellow jacket
and the other a gray sweater. PO Rios estimated he arrived within a minute of receiving the call
and saw a Hispanic male, identified as \$87(2)(b) who matched the description.
was wearing a black jacket with yellow lining and walking away from the incident
location towards \$87(2)(b) . A marked RMP from the 42 nd Precinct was in front of PO
Rios' vehicle and driving slowly down the street. PO Rios assumed that the RMP was also
responding to the radio run and looking at \$87(2)(6) as there would be no other reason
for them to drive so slowly. §87(2)(b) was walking slowly and staring at the RMP. PO Rios
decided to exit his vehicle because \$87(2)(b) matched the description of the perpetrator and PO
Rios wanted to stop him. The RMP slowed down so PO Rios could get out. He could not
remember if anyone got out of the car with him. PO Rios began walking about one car length
behind \$87(2)(b) He noted that there were also two males, identified as \$87(2)(b)
and § 87(2)(b) standing in the doorway. When PO Rios got about an arm's reach away, he said
loud and clear, "Police. Don't move!" PO Rios noted that although he was in plainclothes and his
badge was not visible, he had on the color of the day and announced himself as police. He stated
that his intention was to ask everyone about the firearm at the deli, but noted that once he
announced himself \$87(2)(b) looked back and took off running. PO Rios said there was
a lot of commotion because all three males were trying to get into the doorway at once.
\$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) went in first. \$87(2)(b) then went, ran into the door frame
and fell to the ground. PO Rios said that he never pushed or nudged \$87(2)(6) He stated
that while there was a chance their bodies could have unintentionally brushed as he ran passed,
there would not have been enough force for \$87(2)(b) to fall. Since PO Rios saw \$1,000
fall to the ground, he continued passed him to get to \$87(2)(b) He did not
radio for back up or stop because he assumed there were other officers behind him.
Sgt. Miguel Frias of PSA 7's statement (see Board Review #35) was consistent with PO Rios. He
also noted that he and PO Rios communicated to each other that \$87(2)(b) matched the
description they had heard over the radio. PO Rios exited the vehicle about three or four car
lengths away from the building entrance and Sgt. Frias got out and walked a few feet behind him.
When they were about two feet from \$887(2)(5) they both yelled, "Police," at which
point \$87(2)(b) began running into \$87(2)(b) PO Rios followed him. When
Sgt. Frias arrived at the building and opened the door, he saw §87(2)(b) get up from the
floor and run towards the stairwell.
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PO Phillip Peña of PSA 7(see board Review #36) stated when he, PO Rios, Sgt. Frias and PO
Laguna arrived at 165 th and 3 rd Ave., someone, but PO Peña could not remember who, saw a
male in a black jacket, identified through investigation as \$87(2)(b) walking west on
East 165 th Street by himself. \$87(2)(6) was adjusting his waistband, which was usually
indicative of hiding a weapon. They followed him in their car for a few seconds until he stopped
in front of the side entrance of \$87(2)(5). PO Rios, who was sitting in the rear
passenger side, exited the vehicle and headed towards \$87(2)(6) to stop him. He could
not recall if PO Rios issued any sort of command. A few seconds later, Sgt. Frias exited from the
front passenger side and PO Peña exited from the rear driver side. At that point in time there were
three males at the door, including \$87(2)(b) PO Peña could not recall seeing if any of
the males hit anything as they went into the building. He did not see PO Rios slam anyone and the
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entrance. He did not see anyone on the floor or bleeding on the floor near the side entrance door.
PO Giovanni Laguna of PSA 7's statement (see Board Review #37) was also consistent with PO Rios, Sgt. Frias and PO Peña. He noted that after \$37(2)(b) stopped in front of the side entrance of a residential building, another male, identified by PO Laguna as \$37(2)(b) was standing in the doorway. PO Laguna could not tell what \$37(2)(b) was doing, but he did no raise his suspicions. After PO Rios exited the vehicle, PO Laguna kept driving. When PO Laguna reached the building side entrance, all he could see was PO Rios running inside. He did not know where \$37(2)(b) had gone, and noted that he did not see \$37(2)(b) again. He did not see anyone make impact with the doorway. PO Laguna noted that Sgt. Frias and PO Peña did not originally intend to leave the vehicle, but after they saw PO Rios run into the building, they also got out of the car and followed him inside.
PO Padilla (see Board Review #29) and PO Marello (see Board Review #30) both testified that after speaking to \$87(2)(b) they returned to their vehicle to continue canvassing. They drove down East 165 th at a slow speed in the same direction that \$37(2)(b) was walking for approximately thirty seconds before leaving the area. PO Padilla (see Board #29) noted that this was by default because it was a one way street and they were not following him. PO Marello (see Board Review #30) also added that they were not making any effort to watch him since they had already let him go. He did not recall \$37(2)(b) looking at their vehicle. PO Marello did not see anyone run after \$37(2)(b) or \$37(2)(b) make contact with the door.
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§ 87(2)(g)
Under P.G. 221-02, Members of Service may apply no more than reasonable force necessary to gain control (see Board Review #38).
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Video footage provided by \$87(2)(b) Security Camera 10 (see Board Review #4)
shows the hallway running parallel to the main entrance and is time-stamped 12:03:14 a.m. At the
top of the screen is the entrance door to a second stairwell. At the <00:12> mark, \$87(2)(5) and
run down the hallway. At the <00:14> mark, as \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) reach the stairwell door, PO Rios enters the screen and runs down the hallway. At the <00:16>
mark, $\S^{87(2)(b)}$ opens the stairwell door and he and $\S^{87(2)(b)}$ run in. At the <00:18>
mark, PO Rios opens the stairwell door, enters the stairwell and appears to make a grabbing
motion. The stairwell door closes. At the <00:21> mark, Sgt. Frias runs down the hallway. At the
<00:26> mark, Sgt. Frias opens the door and enters the stairwell. The door closes behind him. At
the <00:39> mark, three plainclothes male officers walk down the hallway and head to the
stairwell. At the <00:45> mark, three additional plainclothes male officers walk down the
hallway. They are followed by the female uniformed officer and two plainclothes officers. The
officers hold the stairwell door open and crowd at the entrance.
(see Board Review #26) testified that he and \$87(2)(6) ran towards his
apartment, located further down the hallway, when a man with khakis, identified through
investigation as PO Rios, ran towards him saying, "Don't run." PO Rios did not identify himself as the police and was not wearing a badge. §87(2)(b) stated that if he had seen a badge he
wouldn't have kept running. § 87(2)(6) didn't have time to unlock the door to his house so
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he and \$87(2)(b) ran into the staircase near the entrance of the building. \$87(2)(b) was in
the process of trying to get up the stairs when PO Rios grabbed the back of his sweater, as well as
who was trying to get up the stairs. PO Rios did not say anything to them and both
s 87(2)(b) and s 87(2)(b) went down together. s 87(2)(b) fell and landed on his hands
and §87(2)(b) fell forward. §87(2)(b) was begging PO Rios to stop. §87(2)(b) was trying
to pick himself up when PO Rios put one hand on his neck and the other on his lower back and
threw him against the stairwell wall. §87(2)(b) did not move and PO Rios hit him once on
the side of his head. §87(2)(b) asked PO Rios, "Why did you hit him?" PO Rios replied, "I
didn't hit him. Did you see me hit him?" \$87(2)(b) could not see what was going on
because his face was pressed against the wall, but after two one or two minutes, PO Rios let him
go and \$87(2)(b) turned around. PO Rios was gone and there were now sixteen cops with
badges. An officer told \$87(2)(6) "Shut the fuck up. Do you want to go to jail?" After that,
decided to keep his mouth shut. The officer then pat him down and searched his
two front pockets and sweater pockets. §87(2)(b) stated that he did not have any bulges in
his pockets or weapons on him. The officer pulled out a bag of weed and asked, "This is what you
ran for?" \$87(2)(6) replied, "No, that it not what I ran for." The officers didn't find
anything and then everyone left.
(see Board Review #27) stated that he and \$87(2)(b) reached the stairwell and
were trying to get up the staircase when the man running at them, identified through investigation
as PO Rios, came in. PO Rios grabbed \$87(2)(b) sweater with both hands and tried to slam him,
causing § 87(2)(b) torso to hit the staircase and his leg to become twisted underneath him. At the
same time, PO Rios slammed \$87(2)(b) on top of \$87(2)(b) near his legs. \$87(2)(b) was
yelling, "My leg!" and telling PO Rios to "relax" and "chill." \$87(2)(b) was
yelling, "Yo, yo, yo!" PO Rios replied, "Shut the fuck up, you shouldn't have run." He did not
tell them anything else or inform them that he was part of the police. PO Rios then pulled him up
by the top of his sweatshirt. He also pulled up §87(2)(b) and instructed them both to stand
against the wall. They were placed face first with their hands up against the wall. §87(2)(b) then
looked around and saw that PO Rios had disappeared. Three or four plainclothes officers then
came in. A cop then smacked §87(2)(b) but he did not know who because he couldn't turn
his head. He did not see the slap, but heard it and heard \$87(2)(b) shout, "What the fuck!
Why did you slap me?" An unidentified officer replied, "Shut the fuck up. I aint's slap you. Did I
slap you? Did anyone see me slap you?" He estimated that the officers let him and
go after four or five minutes.
PO Rios (see Board Review #34) testified that \$87(2)(b) matched the description for the
black male in the radio run. He asserted that he and \$87(2)(b) had acted as lookouts for \$37(2)(b)
because they had stood in the doorway looking at the marked RMP with their eyes
on edge and run from PO Rios once he identified himself. He did not hear them speak to
After seeing \$87(2)(b) fall to the ground, PO Rios ran past him to get to
who had turned and run into a staircase. PO Rios could not remember if he
issued him any specific instructions. PO Rios noted that once he reached the staircase it smelled
like alcohol and there was liquid on the floor. §87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were trying to get
up the staircase and tripped over each other, slipping on the liquid and falling onto each other. PO
Rios did not grab or push them to prevent them from running. PO Rios, who was still by himself,
then grabbed \$87(2)(b) and somewhere on their bodies to pick them up and
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ordered them to get against the wall. He did not use profamity towards them nor ask
if he wanted to go to jail. \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were placed standing, facing the wall with their hands up. PO Rios explained to them why they had been stopped. PO Rios saw a bulge on \$87(2)(b) and in combination with the radio run decided to stop and frisk him. He could not remember what the bulge looked like or where it was located, but stated that he did not find any weapons on \$87(2)(b) PO Rios could not remember who frisked \$87(2)(b) or if he had any bulges, but noted no weapons were also found on him. He did not know if \$87(2)(b) was searched. PO Rios stated that outside of grabbing \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) to place them against the wall, he did not make additional physical contact with them nor did he strike \$87(2)(b) in the face. As PO Rios was obtaining \$87(2)(b) pedigree information, additional officers arrived. PO Rios remembered seeing Sgt. Frias, PO Peña and other uniformed
and plainclothes officers from the 42 nd Precinct who he did not recognize.
Sgt. Frias (see Board Review #35) stated that he was in the hallway when he saw \$87(2)(b)
who was wearing a gray hoodie and gray sweats, and another person, identified as running in the lobby. Sgt. Frias noted that \$87(2)(b) and and \$87(2)(b) raised his suspicions
because they ran away from the officers, were in the vicinity of radio run and had held the door
open for \$87(2)(b) was going into the stairwell when Sgt. Frias heard PO Rios yelling, "Get down." Sgt. Frias decided not to pursue \$87(2)(b)
because PO Rios was yelling and he did not want him to be by himself. By the time Sgt.
Frias opened the stairwell door, PO Rios already had \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) detained on
the stairwell. PO Rios was holding onto \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) by their jackets. They
were yelling and screaming, "I didn't do anything. Why are you stopping me?" §87(2)(b)
was closer to the door and Sgt. Frias grabbed him and placed him against the wall directly across
from the staircase and had him put both his hands up. He did not use any force or throw him
against the wall. Sgt. Frias then frisked him around his waist, groin and ankle-area—anywhere
there might be weapons, for his safety. \$87(2)(b) was compliant. Sgt. Frias did not feel any bulges. Sgt. Frias did not search \$87(2)(b) pull out a bag of weed or state, "This is what
you ran for?" He did not make any other physical contact with § 87(2)(b) or hit him in the
face. He did not see PO Rios hit him in the face. He stated that neither he nor PO Rios told him
to, "Shut the fuck up" or ask him if he wanted to go to jail. During this time PO Rios was frisking
but Sgt. Frias could not really see what was going on. A few seconds later other
plainclothes and uniformed officers arrived. Sgt. Frias only recognized Lt. Dym and PO Peña.
Sgt. Frias did not know if the other officers interacted with \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) but to
his knowledge, \$87(2)(b) was not frisked again. After about a minute or so, Sgt. Frias left
the stairwell and went do a quick canvass of the building for §87(2)(b)
PO Peña (see Board Review #36) and Sgt. Frias were running down the hallway when Sgt. Frias
stopped at a stairwell doorway and asked where PO Rios was. PO Peña was confused because he
thought Sgt. Frias was behind PO Rios and replied that he did not know. Sgt. Frias then opened
the stairwell door, looked in and turned down the hallway. PO Peña opened the door to the
stairwell, walked in to listen for any noise and came back out. When he came out, about ten
additional plainclothes and uniformed officers had arrived. PO Peña then approached an entrance
to another stairwell and saw PO Rios and Sgt. Frias through the glass window in the door. PO
Rios had detained \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) From what he could recall, it was just the four
of them in the stairwell. PO Peña did not know how they had been stopped. [887(2)(6)] and
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were standing opposite the steps and facing the wall with their hands at their sides. PO Peña stepped briefly into the stairwell and saw PO Rios questioning \$87(2)(b) and \$7(2) and \$7(2)(b) They appeared frustrated about being stopped and were sighing and making faces. He could not remember if anyone else spoke to \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) PO Peña did not see anyone strike \$87(2)(b) in the face. He did not hear an officer use profanity. He could not recall if any officers touched or searched \$87(2)(b) He did not search \$87(2)(b)
PO Laguna (see Board Review #37) stood outside the building's front entrance for approximately two to three minutes, before going inside to make sure everyone was okay. He saw standing against a wall. He did not know who had stopped them. He walked near them, but could not see what was going on. He did not see anyone slam the males against the wall, hit their faces, frisk or search them. He did not hear anyone tell them to, "Shut the fuck up," or mention marijuana.
PO Yakubovsky of the 42 nd Precinct (see Board Review#39) arrived after the PSA 7 officers, and stated there were lots of cops on scene—at least ten—from either Borough Crime or Housing Crime talking to two kids. He did not recognize the officers because the units did not work closely with each other. Lt. Terpos (see Board Review #40) stated that when he arrived on scene, he saw six or seven PSA 7 plainclothes crime team members in the lobby with two males who were faced against the south facing wall next to the left stairwell. Although he recognized Sgt. Frias, he did not know their names since he did not supervise them. Neither PO Yakubovsky (see Board Review #39) nor Lt. Terpos (see Board Review #40) saw the officers throw the kids against the wall, search them or use profanity towards them. Lt. Terpos (see Board Review #39) thought he saw the officers frisking them.
In <i>People v. Pitman</i> , 102 A.D.3d 595 (2013), officers received a radio report that three men had committed a robbery and fled into a park. The description provided was limited to race, gender and number. Officers then saw defendant and two other men exit the other side of the park. Despite the limitations of the descriptions, the Court found that the officers had a founded suspicion that these men might be the three robbers. When officers turned their car around and began to approach the men, defendant fled. The Court held that these circumstances elevated the level of suspicion to reasonable suspicion of criminality and justified pursuit (see Board Review #41). Under P.G. 212-11 a Terry stop/level 3 encounter is any encounter between a civilian and a uniformed member of the service in which a reasonable person would not feel free to disregard the officer and walk away. A stop may be conducted only when a police officer has an individualized reasonable suspicion that the person stopped has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a felony or Penal Law misdemeanor (see Board Review #31).
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In *People v. Pines*, 99 N.Y.2d 525 (2002), police officers observed defendant walking in a drugprone area. Officers observed defendant appear nervous and suspected that a drug transaction might occur. Upon seeing the police vehicle, defendant's eyes 'bulged out' and his gaze became fixed. Defendant moved his hand against his side in a motion indicative of adjusting a gun and when officers approached the defendant, he ran away. Here the Court, in concurrence with the Appellate Division, found that the officers' initial observations created a founded suspicion as to possible criminal inquiry. Defendant's subsequent flight and the additional suspicion of that act gave rise to a reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct, which justified pursuit (see Board Review #42).

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P.G. 221-02 states that Members of Service may apply no more than reasonable force necessary to gain control (see Board Review #37). P.G. 203-09 states that officers must "be courteous and respectful" in their conduct with the public (see Board Review #43)
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In *People v. Burks*, 652 N.Y.S.2d 980 (1997) the Court held that officers had a reasonable basis for frisking defendant where they had reasonable suspicion that defendant had committed a crime involving potentially dangerous instruments (see Board Review #44). Similarly, in *People v. Figueroa*, 650 N.Y.S.2d 22 (1996) the Court held that the frisk of a defendant was proper where the officer, in the absence of any other police assistance, confronted an individual whom the officer reasonable suspected had committed a serious crime (see Board Review #45). Under P.G. 212-11, a frisk is authorized when the member of service reasonably suspects the person is armed

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has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a violent crime or when the officer observes something on the person that she/he reasonably suspects is a weapon (see Board Review #31). Allegation O - Abuse: Police Officer Andrew Yakubovsky entered and searched in the Bronx. (see Board Review #46) was in her boyfriend, §87(2)(b) apartment, when he and §87(2)(b) came in. § 87(2)(b) was unconscious and his left eye had been split open. § 87(2)(b) told § 87(2)(b) that the cops had injured woke up and said he wanted to go Shortly thereafter, § 87(2)(b) downstairs to find the cop who had injured him. As § 87(2)(b) was trying to leave, heard knocking. She opened the door and saw two plainclothes cops, identified through investigation as Lt. Terpos and PO Yakubovsky. Shortly thereafter, about ten additional cops appeared, LT. Terpos asked § 87(2)(b) what was going on and she replied she did not know, needed an ambulance. § 87(2)(b) then came to the door and said that his injuries were because of an officer. Lt. Terpos replied, "Well, we're here to figure out who did this to you." As § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were speaking to Lt. Terpos, noticed PO Yakubovsky enter her apartment without her permission. In a follow up phone statement (see Board Review #47), § 87(2)(b) noted that the door was wide open and she was trying to deal with \$87(2)(6) and all of the officers when she noticed PO Yakubovsky in her apartment. He told her, "Oh, I'm going to take a look around." \$37(2)(b) (see Board Review #46) stated that the apartment front door opened into the living room, with a hallway on the left and a kitchen to the right. PO Yakubovsky turned on his flashlight and tried to search under the couches. He then flashed his light into the hallway and under the table. He saw s coat in the living room and asked why there was blood on the coat. picked up the coat and §87(2)(b) asked PO Yakubovsky if he could please § 87(2)(b) step outside of her house. She informed him that since the incident had occurred outside the apartment, he had no reason to be inside. PO Yakubovsky slowly circled the living room so he could shine his flashlight down the hallway and kitchen. He then exited the apartment.

and dangerous. This includes situations in which the officer reasonably suspects that the person

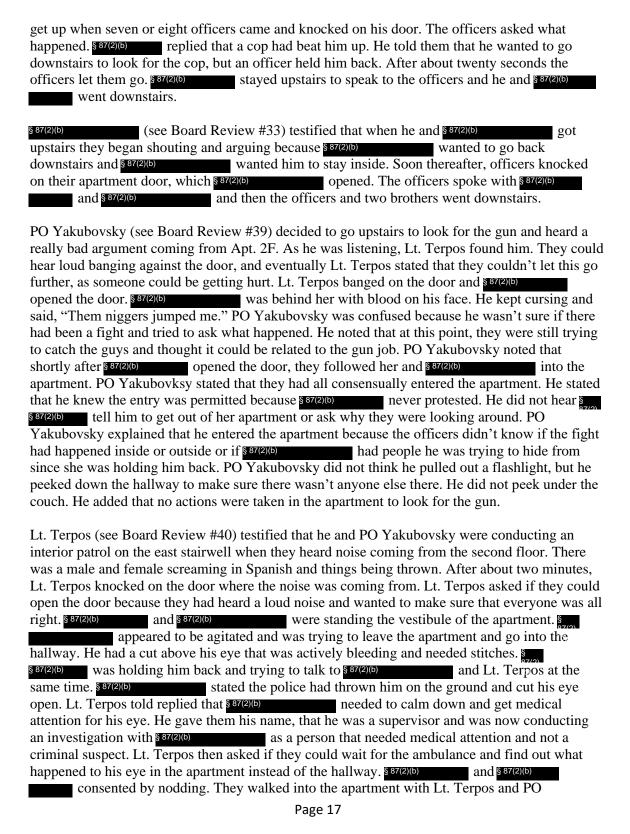
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were trying to get him to

(see Board Review #23) stated that he had fainted in his living room and his

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head was hurting. His girlfriend § 87(2)(b)



Yakubovsky, willingly, while still carrying on an active conversation with them. That they did not tell them to get out of the apartment or try to close the door on them. Lt. Terpos did a cursory look and poked his head into the living room to make sure that there no other victims or perpetrators waiting to do harm or hold them at gunpoint. He only saw a baby and returned to the vestibule area. At no point did he take out his flashlight. He could not remember PO Yakubovsky taking out his flashlight and looking under the sofa.

In *Payton v. New York*, 445 U.S. 573 (1979), the Supreme Court that the Fourth Amendment prohibited the police from making warrantless and nonconsensual entry into a suspect's home in order to make a routine felony arrest (see Board Review #48).

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Allegation P - Abuse: Police Officer Nicholas Rios refused to provide his name and shield
number to \$87(2)(b)
(see Board Review #46) stated that she, §87(2)(b)
and all of the cops exited her apartment and went to the street. About five to ten minutes later an
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and \$87(2)(b) She asked them if the cop that had attacked \$87(2)(b) was there and they
replied yes, pointing to PO Rios. \$87(2)(0) who at the time of her interview could only
identify PO Rios as the officer in the blue jacket, approached him and asked him politely for his
name and badge number. He told her he didn't have to give it to her.
PO Rios (see Board Review #34) stated that after leaving to resume patrol, they received a call to
come back to the scene. When he returned, PO Rios saw an ambulance and a group of people
who were agitated. §87(2)(b) asked PO Rios what happened and he explained the stop to her.
and her mother accused PO Rios of holding §87(2)(b) down and beating
him up. \$87(2)(6) then asked PO Rios for his name, which he provided saying, "PO Rios,
6583."

Sgt. Frias (see Board Review #35) and PO Laguna (see Board Review #36) testified to returning to the scene, but neither recalled anyone asking PO Rios for his name or badge number. PO Peña (see Board Review #35) could not recall hearing anyone ask the other officers for their name and shield.

Patrol Guide Procedure 203-09 states that officers must courteously and clearly state their rank, name, shield number, and command, or otherwise provide them, to anyone who requests it (see Board Review #43).

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